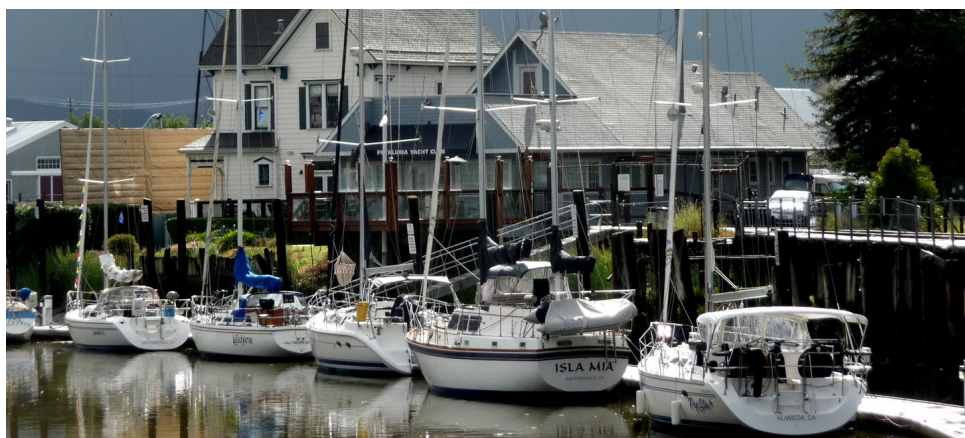




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Cruising Into Petaluma

by s/c Tom Corbett

Excitement is building as the club looks forward to reopening in the late spring / early summer. We have been receiving calls from many Bay Area yacht clubs and boaters enquiring about cruising up to Petaluma. And, although we don't yet know when we can open our club to visitors, we still look forward seeing the turning basin full of yachts as we remember Memorial Days, Lighted Boat Parades and other events in the past.

To ensure a warm PYC welcome visiting clubs and affiliated boaters should contact our Rear Commodore, Linda Lockwood, via the club phone (707) 765 9725 or the club email (info@petalumayachtclub.com). PYC boaters who plan to visit our Turning Basin can also get docking and visit details by leaving a message for Linda on our club phone. All visitors can get current details about Petaluma restaurants and businesses on our town's beautiful visitor's site: www.visitpetaluma.com. Our commodore and team are also planning a homecoming weekend for all PYC boat owners and friends to bring their vessels up to the turning basin some time in late Spring early Summer ... details to be announced soon.

For boaters coming from the South, plan to arrive at the Richmond Bay Bridge near the beginning of a flood tide. You will follow the flood to marker

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9 and all the way up the Petaluma River. The trip to Petaluma is about 15 miles up the river. If coming from the North, plan to arrive at marker 9 in the early stages of a flood tide and proceed up the river. Since our river was dredged, we have plenty of water for power and sailboats alike during all tides.

There are two bridges that have limited clearance across the river. The Haystack landing rail bridge is approximately 14 miles up river and the Petaluma D Street bridge is about a mile further on and is the entrance to the Petaluma turning basin.

HAYSTACK LANDING BRIDGE

The Haystack Landing Bridge is operated by SMART Rail Operations Center. The drawspan will remain in the open position unless a train is approaching.

When onsite, the Bridge Tender will monitor marine channels 16/9. As appropriate the Bridge Tender will respond to audio or visual signals with the bridge horn.

Please contact the Bridge Tender or SMART Rail Operations Center at (707) 890-8650 to coordinate a bridge opening in these situations:

- ⚓ large vessel
- ⚓ planned excursions,
- ⚓ events

- ⚓ large groups of vessels
- ⚓ a specific date & time to transit the draw
- ⚓ if wind/tide conditions limit your ability to maneuver

The D Street Bridge, which is operated by the City, can accommodate limited openings. The city requires a minimum of four hours notice to schedule an opening and a minimum of one hour in between openings.

Hours:

- ⚓ 6:00 am to 6:00 pm – a minimum of 4 hours notice is required for opening
- ⚓ 6:00 pm to 6:00 am – a minimum of 24 hours notice is required for opening

Due to vehicle traffic concerns and bus schedules, the city requests that boaters schedule their arrival, when possible, for these times: 9:15am, 11:15am, 1:15pm, 3:15pm.

To schedule a bridge opening boaters can call

707.778.4303 Monday through Thursday 8am to 5pm. Friday through Sunday and Holidays dial the same number and press 1 after the prompt and you will get additional instructions.

Petaluma is looking forward to seeing the turning basin full of activity.

Cruise In Calendar

by r/c Linda Lockwood

April

3/30 - 4/8 Barbary Coast Boating Club 10-12 boats
16-18 Marin YC 14 boats.

May

21-23 Vallejo YC - 7-10 boats
27-31 Coyote Point YC 10 boats
28-31 Ox bow YC 10 -15 boats
27-31 Ballena Bay & Encinal YC 4-5 boats
28-31 Sequoia Sailboats (no YC) 2-3 sailboats

July

30th - Aug 1 Club Nautique 8 plus boats

August

6-8 San Francisco YC - 10 boats
13-15 San Jose Sailing club - 5-8 boats
20-21 Sausalito YC # of boats TBD
20-21 Solano YC - 6 boats

Sept

4-6 Master Mariners Benevolent Asso. 12-20 boats
17-20 Caliente Isle YC - 10 boats
19-21 Stockton YC - 1 boat

Oct

20-23 Sacramento YC - TBD

COOP NEWS

by Coop Chick, Jill Olson

We have some great items for sale! Let me know what you would like to order!! Text me at 707-331-0718 or e-mail to jill@sonomacoastspirits.com



PYC bar glasses:	\$15
Key ring with burgee log ribbon:	\$15
Blue Canvas Tote Bags:	\$20
Navy Blue Fleece Vest:	\$40

Membership News

by s/c Tom Corbett

Good news! We have two new applicant couples who are both boat owners: Matt and Kelli Riveras sponsored by Quist/van Aalderen and the Corbetts plus Bob and Alexi Buhner sponsored by Brazil/McDill.

Once these two couples qualify and are admitted our boat / non-boat ratio would allow the Hiltons and the Diles to be processed off of our wait list.

Should these applicants all pass the muster they will bring new boats to our fleet and new energy, knowledge, skills and ideas to the mix and help sustain our club as we move forward. As they are introduced through Zoom meetings, in-person meetings and events please welcome them and get to know them.

PICYA News

by PICYA Representative s/c Linda Blue



GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSES 250% BOAT REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE

California boaters will see their boat registration fees increase from a minimum

of \$20 every two years to at least \$70 every two years as soon as July 1 if Governor Gavin Newsom's state budget proposal is enacted. Budget subcommittees in the state Senate and Assembly are discussing this proposal now, and are anticipated to decide on the issue in the next few weeks.

Before such a significant increase is enacted BoatU.S. and the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) are urging legislators to revise this proposal to ensure a balanced, reasonable and transparent approach to all taxes and fees boaters pay the state

RBOC urges all boaters to contact your state Senator and Assembly Member and request this proposal be revised to ensure boater taxes go to their intended purposes.

To quickly and easily send your message directly to your legislator: [CLICK HERE](#)

PICYA Calendar of Events

April 8th 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Northern CA Clean Boating Educational Happy Hour Webinar- Details at PICYA.org

April 24th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Sadie Hawkins Race - Island Yacht Club's annual, all-female skippers race on the Alameda Estuary. Registration is \$30 and includes access to a virtual race clinic on Monday, April 19.

April 25th 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Opening Day on the Bay, an annual celebration of the maritime community on the San Francisco Bay. Dating back to 1917 and organized by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association, the parade runs just north of Anita Rock off the shore of Crissy Field in the Presidio, follows along the city front to first Fort Mason building east of the Marina Green.

September 25th

Margot Brown Wheelchair Regatta. More details will be posted on the PICYA website soon.

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Advertising News

by Linda Corbett

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Thanks to all for renewing and supporting the PYC!

If you know of anyone who may be interested in advertising in our little Chicken Scratch, please send them my way.

Maybe you know a handyman, garden designer, hair-stylist or caregiver. These service people are currently in high demand and our members may want their service.

Place an advertisement in the monthly Chicken Scratch and show your business support for the club. Electronic ads now offer direct link back to your website or Facebook page for increased engagement.

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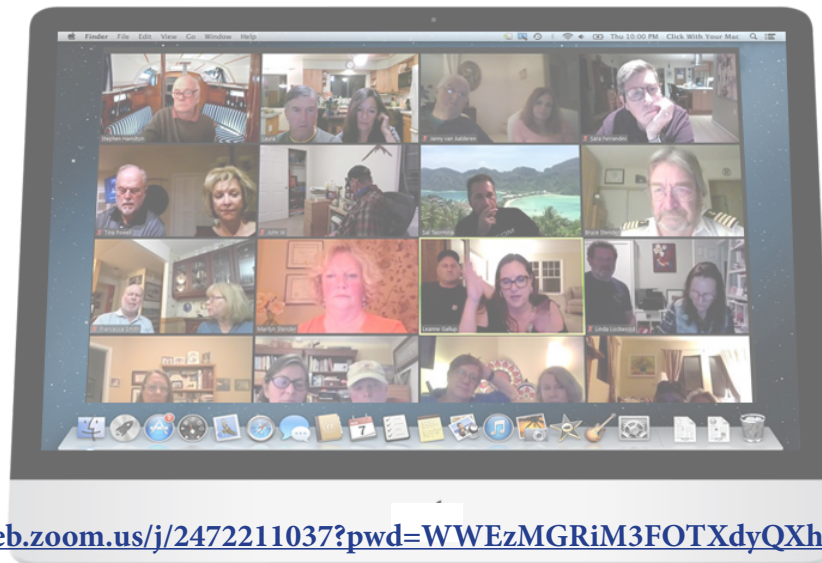
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April General Meeting

The next virtual PYC General Meeting will be April 2, 2021 at 6 p.m.



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From Tom's Galley

Baked, Marinated Skirt Steak



This is a simple, quick, no mess entrée with subtle flavor from the marinade. You can substitute flat iron steak or flank steak for the skirt steak, all will work. Take care not to over cook the steak as it will become tough.

(A tip, check your oven temperature with an oven thermometer that hangs on the rack. Available at the grocery store for a few dollars. Most oven temperatures are off from the setting. Mine is 25° cooler when set to 450°, it is actually 425°. That will affect the cooking time. To get 450° I have to set the oven temperature to 475°.)

Ingredients:

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| ⚓ 1 1/2 pound skirt steak | ⚓ 2 1/2 tablespoons minced garlic |
| ⚓ 3 1/2 tablespoons olive oil | ⚓ 2 1/2 tablespoons honey |
| ⚓ 3 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce | ⚓ 2 1/2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, chopped |
| ⚓ 3 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar | ⚓ 1/4 teaspoon black pepper |
| ⚓ 2 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce | |

Place skirt steak in a gallon zip loc bag.

Mix all remaining ingredients in a small bowl.

Pour mixture over steak, seal bag and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 450°.

Place steak on a greased baking sheet. Reserve marinade.

Bake 5 to 6 minutes per side depending on thickness of steak, or until internal temperature of 140°.

Remove steak and let rest 5 minutes before slicing.

In the meantime, pour leftover marinade into a small saucepan.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer until slightly thickened.

Spoon marinade over sliced steak.

Serves 4

These recipes have been created by staff commodore and chef Tom Griffith and are designed to be prepared on board your boat, land yacht or at home using only two burners or a BBQ.

Bon
Appétit



Whye Waite's Musings

Tail between my legs!



Well, PYC'ers, we never did make it to Vegas. *Sailing Suds*, my lovely old sailboat, sat on the side of the road while I drove up to Kingman looking for a truck driver to finish the job. The flake I hired high-tailed it after I clocked him in the jaw. It took three days of begging and pleading before I finally hired Tony-the-truck-driver

from Henderson, Nevada. It cost me a case of Vodka plus three cartons of Camels, but hell, I was desperate.

Once we got back to the spot where *Sailing Suds* was supposed to be--yes, you got that right--supposed to be, I couldn't believe my eyes. She was gone! No hide nor hair to be found.

"What in the Sam Hill," I mumbled.

I scratched my belly, looked up toward the blistering sun, and bellowed "Nooooooooo!" like a sick Coyote in the desert. I shooed Tony-the-truck-driver away. It took him two trips to load up his booze. He waved, I cried.

"Now what?" I hollered at the Saguaro cactus. It didn't answer.

Three days later, I pulled into the Lost Key Yacht Club in sweltering Florida, seeking forgiveness and asking the board to have me back.

"Look, it's not only you knuckleheads that can't get along, always bickering and yelling at each other. Petaluma Yacht Club does the same thing! I hear they had a humdinger of a meeting a while back." I extolled.

They hemmed and hawed, yelled at each other some more, and finally lamented.

So PYC, it looks like this will be my last little tale to be stuffed in your newsletter as I'll be hanging up my pen for greener pasture, or water, in this case.

So it's Sayonara, Adios, Goodbye from me.

Cheers!

Whye Waite

Ed: Whye, Say it ain't so ... we'll miss your musings but I am sure that all the PYC members will join me in thanking you for sharing your thoughts ... and if and when you ever make it out to P-town please drop in the club house as I am sure you will receive a warm welcome at the bar. In fact there is a drink waiting there for you.

Readers can contact Cap'n Waite at whyewaite@gmail.com

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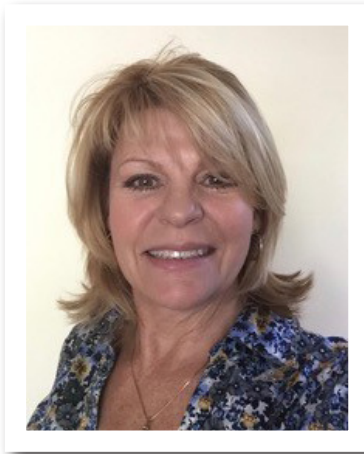


ROY & BARBARA JOHNSTON



Sunshine and Birthdays

by Sunshine Reporter Rosemary Hart



Happy Springtime! On March 20th we passed through the Vernal Equinox into Spring! And guess what? It made me think of our new members Vern Chang and Sandy Spring. Since these two are the newest members to the club, I thought I'd write up a short introduc-

tion...

Vern and Sandy lived in Oakland and longed to "one day" have a farm. In 2013 they found a wonderful plot of land in Penngrove and bought it, thinking it would be years before they would actually move. But of course, our wonderful area kept beckoning them to live here, so by 2015 they packed up in Oakland moved here permanently. Since Vern and Sandy are both in the Real Estate business – Vern is a Real Estate Building Inspector and Sandy is a Real Estate Agent for Sotheby's – they took a big chance that they could grow their business here. As it turns out, things are going "crazy" good now with so many people moving out of the cities to work from home in a more comfortable living environment. So, making their dream move sooner was a great idea!

Their farm, dubbed "Roaring Frog Farm" is up to 9 sheep and 2 goats with 2 McNabs and a Border Collie to herd the crew. Sandy actually was needed as a surrogate mom, bottle feeding one of the little lambs that came to them at 3 days old! Roaring Frog Farm is also a vineyard, where Vern and Sandy grow Pinot Meunier grapes – one of the three grapes that the French allow in real Champagne. The first year they made barn wine with the grapes, which they're happy to share! These last two years they have sold the grapes to winemakers that make sparkling wine.

Vern is a long-time sailor and loves to be out on the



April

2nd Dan Arena
2nd Rich Brazil
8th Sharon Donovan
11th Kristy McDill
12th Judith Comstock
17th Anne Gealta

17th Jill Olson
18th Mike Deverell
20th Connie Tudor
23rd Linda Blue
27th Martin Little
28th Barbara Johnston

water. He had to learn his sailing skills quickly as he learned to sail on Lake Merritt in Oakland, and the water there is something that no one wants to fall into! Besides being members of the PYC, Vern and Sandy are also members of the Petaluma Gap Viticulture Area Winegrowers alliance and are active in supporting the Penngrove area with the Penngrove Social Firemen. And of course, some of us ladies know Sandy is also a member of the Petaluma Woman's Club.

Since we are starting to get together again, you'll be seeing them soon at PYC. Stop by and introduce yourselves. For an icebreaker, ask the new farmers about their experience with the animals in the 2017 fires!

If you have any news that can or should be shared with the Club, please let Rosemary know via email at rosyhart13@gmail.com

Flag Officer Reports



BRUCE STENDER - *Commodore*

Springtime is finally here! Time to do some Spring-cleaning on our boats in preparation for upcoming adventures on the water. Boating has been one activity that has provided us with nurturing and recharge during the pandemic.

It actually looks like we have some promising news on the Covid-19 battlefield. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter. We certainly don't want to ruin what we have all accomplished so far, so

small steps and patience is still required as well as wearing masks. I honestly was not sure if we were going to be able to have any social activities while I was your Commodore. We owe a huge gratitude of thanks to the vaccine researchers for providing us with a viable vaccine in such a short amount of time. Now that I have received my second Covid-19 vaccine, I feel like I am finally wearing some protective armor allowing me to have a more positive outlook on the pandemic.

PYC will certainly be ready for activities throughout the rest of year. We are all looking forward to our first "soft" grand opening on April 9 from 5 to 7pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Let the adventure continue!



LEANNE GALLUP - *Vice Commodore*

I am super excited to announce our PYC "soft" opening! We will open Fridays, starting April 9th from 5:00-7:00pm. To stay with the ABC regulations, RSVP's are necessary and food will need to be purchased. Masks

will be required. Please check your email for details. I hope to see you on Fridays and to be able to finally catch up with everyone. Currently we are in the red. Which means we are allowed 25% capacity into the club but for now, the club remains closed except for Friday evenings (outside). Once we move to 50% capacity, we will start looking at opening up the club. I finally see a light at the end of the tunnel. I hope everyone has a fabulous Easter and again, I look forward to seeing you all.

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LINDA LOCKWOOD - *Rear Commodore*

The PYC "Cruise Ins" keep rolling in. At the last count we have 19 scheduled from April through September and I expect the pace to crescendo as the summer nears.

The most popular weekend to date is

Memorial Day, with two large contingents planning to visit, and maybe a third YC as well. Stay tuned!

A Work Weekend has yet to be scheduled as the club is not yet open. Date will be forthcoming as appropriate.

Enjoy this spring weather. I say swab your decks, tune up those engines, replace the halyards, lines and sails that need it... and of course oil the teak and polish the brass! Can't wait to be out on the water with you all.

Club House Bar Duty

April*

Bar Manager: *Leanne Gallup*

Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd

Club House Closed

Fri 9th

Linda and Tom Corbett & Linda Frost

Fri 16th

Francesca & McKenzie Smith

Fri 23rd

Gail Cardaropoli & Judi Allewelt

Fri 30th

Laura & Rich Brazil

May*

Bar Manager: *TBD*

Fri 7th

Michael Freeman & Beth Darrow

Fri 14th

Joe & Lauren Lautner

Fri 21st

TBD

Fri 28th :

TBD

June

Bar Manager: *TBD*

Fri 4th & Sat 5th

David Quist & Janny van Aalderen

Fri 11th & Sat 12th

TBD

Fri 18th & Sat 19th :

Jill Olson & Bryant Moynihan

Fri 25th Sat 26th

TBD

* Note that in April & May the club house is only open on Fridays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 5 - 7 pm.

Did you know?

You can sign up for your bar duty by simply sending an email to pycinfo@petalumayachtclub.com with a subject of **Sign-up**. You will get an automatic reply with all the instructions. It's simple, easy and fast! Try it now!!

General Meeting Minutes

March 5th, 2021



- 1) Call to order 6:39pm
- 2) Introduce Guests: No guest
- 3) Secretary's Report – Kristy McDill – Upload hardcopy documents to an electronic file system
- 4) Treasurer's Report – Sherri Adams – No Report
- 5) Commodore's Report – Bruce Stender
 - a) Rich Brazil has resigned from the PYC Board for personal reasons. I am in the process of selecting his interim replacement.
 - b) Preparations are being made to have a "soft opening" as soon as possible.
- 6) Vice Commodore Report – Leanne Gallup
 - a) Bar update-April 9 soft opening – will need signups for the bar (3 volunteers 1 cashier, 1 bar, 1 food), start with Fridays (5-7pm), working with Sonoma Catering on charcuteries to meet ABC License for PYC, RSVP. TBD max number of people, RSVPs will be needed, reviewing members only at first.
 - b) Bar Calendar – Stephen will be working on the link for the bar signups for Fridays.
 - c) Credit card machine – Stephen and Leanne are working on the credit card machine.
- 7) Rear Commodore – Linda Lockwood – per below transcript, as Linda could not attend
 - a) Barge update – Two demolition barges are now in place partially blocking channel, time frame 6-8 weeks
 - b) Turning basin calendar -Cruise In's continue to get scheduled. We have @ 10 or so from April through Sept at this point.
- 8) Building Report – Al Alys- Ted is organizing Boat Pictures
- 9) Events – "Save the Date" August 28 Petaluma River Festival
- 10) Advertising –Advertising renewals progress, 17 ads
- 11) Membership -Tom Corbett-New member application, 68.29%. 2 boat owners pending approval
- 12) Newsletter – Stephen Hamilton would like help with the newsletter
- 13) Sunshine – Eva Moore surgery-wishing Eva a speedy recovery
- 14) Cruise Outs – PYC will continue to plan, pending COVID 19
- 15) Coop – New PYC glasses & online order form
- 16) PICYA – RBOC support
- 17) New Business- No Report
- 18) Good of the club
 - a) Get Covid-19 vaccine
 - b) -Sunday March 14 Daylight savings
 - c) -Stephen is working on online roster
 - d) -Reach out to Don!
- 19) Meeting adjourned – 7:13pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>Virtual General Meeting - Zoom Club Closed</i>	3 <i>Club Closed</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9 Bartenders Corbett / Frost <i>Club Soft Opening at 5:00pm</i>	10 <i>Club Closed</i>
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Board Meeting Online At 6:00pm</i>	16 Bartenders Francesca and McKenzie Smith <i>Club Soft Opening at 5:00pm</i>	17 <i>Club Closed</i>
18	19	20 <i>Chicken Scratch Newsletter deadline</i>	21	22	23 Bartenders Cardaropoli / Allewelt <i>Club Soft Opening at 5:00pm</i>	24 <i>Club Closed</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30 Bartenders Laura and Rich Brazil <i>Club Soft Opening at 5:00pm</i>	

